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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 20, 2006. In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the telephonic interview granted by Examiner Le on February 6, 2006. The undersigned pointed out that the sole reference relied upon for the rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 8-16, 18, 20-22, 24-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is merely the U.S. Patent (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,888,771 to Hush et al.) corresponding to the U.S. Patent Publication (i.e., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0223393 to Hush et al) relied upon in the non-final Office action dated March 8, 2005. Since the Applicants traversed the rejection of March 8, 2005 and in response to that traversal the Office mailed another non-final Office action rejecting claims on new grounds, Applicants believe that rejections for anticipation by the Hush reference were effectively traversed in the Response filed June 8, 2005. Upon pointing out these circumstances to Examiner Le, he agreed to review the case and send a Notice of Allowance.